

MYTHOPOEIC SOCIETY

Defining “Minimum Requirements” and “Best Practices” for voting on the long lists

FOR FICTION COMMITTEES

To qualify for voting on the long list, jurors must read **ten books minimum** from the long list. To count as “read,” jurors must read at least four chapters from each book – although more, obviously, is preferred. Books not finished before the four-chapter minimum has been reached do not count toward the ten books minimum.

For **best practice**, members should consult 50% of long listed books, at least. This can include books not finished or dismissed before the four-chapter minimum has been reached. For books difficult to find, consulting summaries or reviews is sufficient. For best practice, please also participate in listserv discussions. Ideally, jurors should seek out books not yet discussed on the listserv so all titles are given due consideration.

FOR SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEES

To qualify for voting on the long list, jurors must consult **ten books minimum** from the long list. Although reading entire books is encouraged, consultation can also include merely “gutting” a book (i.e., reading the introduction, the conclusion, and the beginnings of each chapter).

For **best practice**, jurors should also consult academic reviews of their long-listed titles, if available, and 50% of the total long-list if this number is higher than ten.